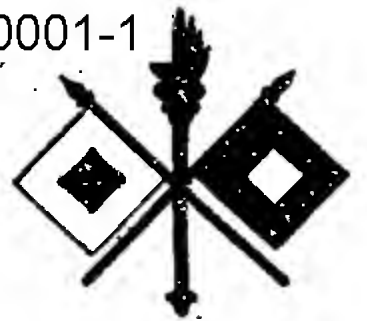


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PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

1. CONGO:

A) THE UN ESTABLISHED VIRTUALLY COMPLETE CONTROL OF ELIZABETHVILLE IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING. THERE IS STILL SCATTERED SKIRMISHING.

KATANGAN FORCES IN THE CITY APPEAR TO BE BROKEN UP AND SEALED OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE. THE UN NOW PLANS TO ~~RETX~~ BEGIN THE NEXT PHASE OF

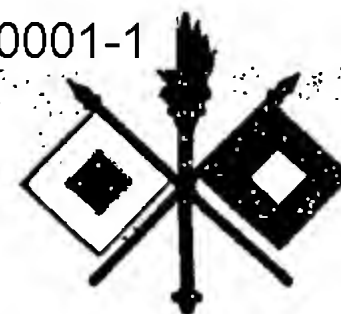
OPERATIONS: A MOP-UP OF THE REMAINING POCKETS OF RESISTANCE ~~WILL~~ IS ~~EX~~ EXPECTED TO TAKE A MAXIMUM OF FIVE DAYS. THERE IS NO RELIABLE

INFORMATION ON THE CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE.

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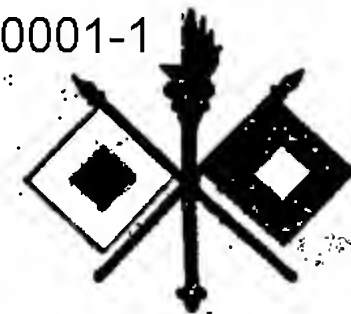
3. ~~THE~~ LAOS:

THE OPT-DELAYED THREE PRINCES' MEETING IS NOW SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT VIENTIANE ON 27 DECEMBER. BOUN OUM AND PHOUMI, HOWEVER, ARE STILL TRYING TO SCOTCH THE MEETING BY PERSUADING THE KING TO ~~NAME~~ NAME HIMSELF AS PRIME MINISTER. WE DOUBT THAT THE KING WILL DO THIS.

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NOTES:

A. ULBRICHT'S SPECIAL PLANE FLEW TO MOSCOW ON FRIDAY. ALTHOUGH NOT ABSOLUTELY SURE, WE THINK HE WAS IN IT. THIS VISIT, LIKE HIS LAST ONE IN LATE NOVEMBER, MAY BE TIED TO PURELY INTERNAL EAST GERMAN PROBLEMS, ~~HE~~ BUT WE DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE WILL DISCUSS SOME FURTHER MOVE AGAINST WEST BERLIN. 50X1

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C. THERE ARE GOOD INDICATIONS THAT, IN AT LEAST SOME PARTS OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE ~~POPULATION~~ POPULATION WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE SOVIET ~~NUCLEAR~~ NUCLEAR TESTS AND APPREHENSIVE OVER THE FALL-OUT HAZARD. KNOWLEDGE OF THE TESTS WAS SPREAD BY WORD-OF-MOUTH AND WE THINK THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPRESSION OF INFORMATION TENDED TO STIMULATE AN EXAGGERATED REACTION.

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LAF CHANGE TO WHITE HOUSE FC ITEMS 1.3.27.

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARD GETTING ADOULA AND TSHOMBE
TOGETHER. TSHOMBE WHO IS APPARENTLY BACK IN ELGAT CIVILLE,
HAS ANSWERED THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE, SAYING HE IS WILLING TO MEET W
ADOULA AND BUNCHE UNDER GULLIONS PROTECTION AND ASKING FOR
C
AN IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE. MEANWHILE, GULLON HAS TALKED WITH
ADOULA WHO HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO A MEETING. HIS FINAL DECISION
WILL AWAIT A CABINET MEETING TODAY. THE X MAIN DANGER X IS THAT
ADOULA WILL IMPOSE CONDITIONS FOR A MEETING WHICH TSHOMBE CANNOT
ACCEPT. THESE MIGHT INCLUDE NO CESSATION OF THE FIGHTING UNLESS
TSHOMBE SURRENDERS UNCONDITIONALLY.